affairs. All things considered I am disposed to go. The passage is generally made in a week. It would occupy a fortnight to go to Baltimore and the vessel would be much exposed to storms. Again, the change of climate would incur a greater risk than I ought to make.

I hope you are, and will be, improving. But I will wait till I see you to converse further.

Yours affly,

S. A. Graves.

9 Kingston Jan. 16. 1847.

My dear Phelps,

How lonely you must be! I really think you had better come down early in the week, as Mr. B. invites you. Alas! the mail brings me nothing. So up to Jan. 11th, I may infer, no letters or papers had reached Port au Prince for me. Is it not enough to make me desperate? Wouldn't you be off forthwith to the States — where there are regular mails? I give a good big advertizing to sail on Wednesday for New Orleans; the Capt. has consented that I may go for $30. and pay on my arrival. This will prevent all embarrassment in my pecuniary